Acquisition of land for cargo terminal

*176. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether acquisition of land for the setting up of a Cargo Terminal of Inland Waterways at Mullakal, Alappuzha, Kerala is underway;

(b) if so, whether the proposed site is close to the finishing point of famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race;

(c) whether the site includes the House Boat Terminal which is the mainstay of the back-water-tourism in the State;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider relocating the Cargo Terminal;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed site is not located on the Boat Race channel. It is on the Vadai canal and is slightly away from the finishing line of Nehru Trophy Boat Race.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Civilian and nuclear facilities in the Country

*177. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had prepared any proposal for separation of civilian and military nuclear facilities of India;

(b) if so, whether the same proposal has been submitted to U.S. Government;

(c) whether Government had consulted the political parties, parliament and scientific communities in prior hand before submitting the same proposal to U.S. Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) The position in this regard was elucidated in the Prime Minister's *Suo Motu* statement on this subject on February 27, 2006.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

*178. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to amend the norms for centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) has been subsumed in the recently launched UIDSSMT (Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns) which envisages provision of Central assistance for infrastructure projects including water supply projects. Since new water supply projects for all cities/towns can be taken up under Jawaharlal Nehu National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and UIDSSMT. Funds under AUWSP will be available only for on-going projects for completion. No new projects are being taken up under AUWSP from the current financial year.

Maritime Development Programme for Andhra Pradesh

*179. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the preparation of National Maritime Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details of specific schemes and projects to be taken up in the State of Andhra Pradesh;